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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

**THE GROVES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of The Groves Community Development District was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 10:01 a.m., at The Groves Civic Center, located at 7924 Melogold Circle, Land O' Lakes, FL 33637.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Bill Boutin	<b>Board Supervisor, Chairman</b>
Richard Loar	<b>Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman</b>
James Nearey	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>
Christina Cunningham	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>
Jimmy Allison	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>

Also present were:

Gregory Cox	<b>District Manager, Rizzetta &amp; Co, Inc.</b>
Vivek Babbar	<b>District Counsel; Straley, Robin &amp; Vericker</b>
Stephen Brietic	<b>District Engineer, JMT Engineering Services</b>
Amy Linen	<b>Operations Manager</b>
Carmen Torres	<b>Facilities Manager</b>
Paul Ferrara	<b>Representative Accurate Electronics</b>

Audience Members	<b>Present</b>
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**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. and Mr. Cox verified that all Board members were present.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present at the meeting joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Presentation be Accurate Electronics**

The Board and audience received a demonstration of the Accurate Electronics gate entrance security access system from Paul Ferrara, who explained how the system works and answered questions from the Board and members of the audience. They questioned him on a variety of topics; to include how the system would interact with

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security cameras; maintenance and warranty; software; other communities currently using the system; options for types of gates; requirement for internet access; and private vs public access.

#### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Audience Comments**

The Board received audience comments regarding the conditions of areas in the community; vehicles parked in the clubhouse lot for long periods; requests for a 24 hours roving guards service; appreciation for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event at the Clubhouse; community beautification work being stopped; excess high grass at the 13<sup>th</sup> hole; pea gravel needed at the dog park bench areas; excess moss in trees not being removed; golf ball net around pond in need of repair; common areas needing irrigation; question about the possible replacement of the flag pole; comments regarding the Beautification Project; status of the night swimming certification; vehicles parked in the streets; and teenagers fishing in ponds.

#### **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **A. District Counsel**

The Board received a District Counsel update from Vivek Babbar, and he informed the Board of a planned call with Dynamic Security to address their claim for payment for services performed.

##### **B. District Engineer**

The Board received a District Engineer update from Stephen Brletic, and he informed the Board of the upcoming pre-bid meeting for the Bridge Work RFP. He also provided a brief irrigation project update along with information provided by Mr. Loar.

##### **C. Aquatics Report - Steadfast**

The Board reviewed the aquatic report provided by Steadfast Aquatic Maintenance. Mr. Boutin requested staff have Steadfast look at the area at the end of Cleopatra. Ms. Cunningham expressed concern over the possible need for fish stocking due to the fishing being done by the teenagers discussed earlier in the meeting.

##### **D. Operations Manager**

The Board received a Clubhouse Manager's report from Amy Linen. She informed the Board that the Trespass Agreement with the Sheriff's Office had been completed. She presented a quote for a new audio system for the meetings and the Board requested that she obtain two additional quotes. Mr. Boutin requested that Mr. Loar ask the HOA Board if they would share the cost of the audio system selected.

##### **E. District Manager**

The Board received a District Manager update from Mr. Cox. He noted that the next CDD meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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Mr. Cox explained that as of the end of July, the Board was under budget, but any significant unbudgeted expenditure could possibly put it over budget by the end of the fiscal year and a budget amendment might be required.

Mr. Cox presented draft agreement information for Piper Fire Monitoring and Inspection services and Ms. Cunningham discussed the portion of the information that described the cellular lines to be installed for the monitoring portion of the service.

*Mr. Boutin recessed the meeting at 12: 01 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:16 pm., with all Supervisors in attendance at the onset of the meeting still in attendance.*

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Business Items**

**A. Consideration of Proposals for Dog Park Tree Trimming**

Mr. Cox presented proposals from Yellowstone in the amount of \$5,506.94 and Stutzman Brothers for \$2,595 for the trimming of the Oak trees in the dog park .

On motion from Mr. Nearey, seconded by Mr. Loar, the Board unanimously approved the proposal from Stutzman Brother's Property Management for trimming the Oak Trees in the dog park for \$2,585, for The Groves CDD.

**B. Consideration of Ballenger Water Meter Reading Proposal**

The Board reviewed a proposal from Ballenger Irrigation for water meter reading and report submission services for \$250 per month.

On motion from Mr. Loar, seconded by Mr. Nearey, the Board unanimously approved the proposal for monthly water meter reading and reporting services from Ballenger Irrigation for \$250 per month, for The Groves CDD.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held on May 23, 2023**

On a motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Nearey, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the May 23, 2023, Board of Supervisors' special meeting, for The Groves CDD.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2023**

On a motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Nearey, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the June 6, 2023, Board of Supervisors' meeting, for The Groves CDD.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Operation & Maintenance Expenditures for May 2023**

On a motion from Mr. Loar, seconded by Mr. Allison, the Board unanimously approved to accept and file the Operation & Maintenance Expenditures for May 2023 (\$125,466.40), for The Groves CDD.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Requests**

Ms. Cunningham discussed the Pathfinder vehicle in the clubhouse parking lot that had been there for a considerable time. The Board directed staff to have the vehicle towed. She also discussed other vehicles parked in the roadway and requested staff investigate.

Ms. Cunningham further commented on how the landscaping and moss in trees looks bad and inquired about where the insurance funds had gone for the flagpole that was hit by a vehicle years ago.

Ms. Cunningham asked for the status of the liquor license handout she had requested, and Mr. Babbar provided its status as still in process.

Mr. Loar informed the Board that netting along Melogold Circle needs to be fixed and that through June, \$36,000 in interest had been gained for the Board's funds.

Mr. Boutin requested staff contact Pasco County about any wood bridge contracts they had in place, for which The Groves might be able garner insight for the golf course bridges work.

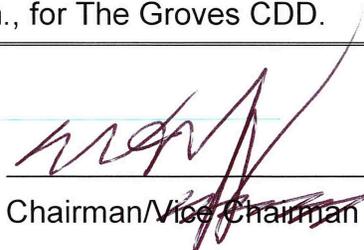
**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

On a motion from Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Neary, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m., for The Groves CDD.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary



Chairman/Vice Chairman